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# HARBINGER

We have had it under observation for a number of years and we have had it tested out by the eminent authority, Mr. Gorsdorff, who describes and rates it as follows: Color, grenadine red, blended and shaded Mars orange on tips and edges, bases of lower petals salmon orange with feather blotch of Mars orange, pistil butternut orange, anthers edged blackish violet wide orchid form, ruffled and fluted, a beautiful color. Rated exhibition 95, commercial 94, landscape 97. One of the finest and most distinct grown by me, an outstanding variety. Primulinus type, medium height, great multiplier.

## OUTSTANDING QUALITIES

1—Distinct in color, burnt orange or terra cotta. Beautiful by artificial light.

2—Medium height, slender stems, excellent for cutting. Stems always straight.

3—Long blooming season. One row bloomed from August 5 to October 15.

4—Great multiplier and germinator. All bulbets grow and most bloom first year. 5—Blooms of good substance and keeping quality.

6—The stock has been tested in different parts of the country from which we have received very flattering reports. None unfavorable.

Harbinger more than lived up to anticipations. Its clear, vivid, almost gorgeous color was truly inspiring in the late September days. The texture and form of the flower was perfect and the quantity prolific. Harbinger's foliage deserves special mention. The clear cut blades of splendid substance—brilliant and rich in coloring, were noticeably good in the garden, and made a perfect foil for the flowers. On digging Harbinger again proved its worth, for every corm offered three for next year's bloom.

Miss H. A. Halloway, New Jersey.

The 2 bulbs of Harbinger were planted 18 May and had first flower 23 August, last opened 24 September. Foliage healthy and vigorous, erect spikes. 4-5 flowers out and well placed; 12-15 on spike; good landscape effect. At digging time had 6 bulbs and 80 bulbets.

William Harris, Ontario.

We liked Harbinger very much, and if any one likes the orange shades he will fall in love with it.

E. C. Swartley, Illinois.

"I am very glad to report favorably regarding your seedling Harbinger. I have rated it 91. It is a good all round flower, but I think its color is its distinctive feature and is well worth introducing because of its unusual color. This may not seem like a flattering report but it really is as there are very few glads that I rate in the 90's."

A. A. Arenius,  
Massachusetts.

"Your Harbinger did well for me. From 3 bulbs ordered I dug 9 large bulbs and 200 bulbets. The flower is a beautiful thing, a color hard to describe but not easily forgotten. It certainly has a place in my collection."

Frank W. Melick,  
Indiana.

"I heartily endorse Harbinger as one of the best primulinus gladioli I have ever grown. It has good stem, is of medium height and the color is beautiful. It keeps well as cut flower."

Mrs. Chester B.  
Lawrence, New Jersey

"You sure have a fine glad in Harbinger. Two bulbs threw 3 new ones each. Its color is alone."

It is a deep burnt orange or terra cotta. The spikes were not all thrown at once. In fact, they were weeks or more apart from first to last. This would suggest a fine outlook as a landscape glad. I look forward to seeing it again next year."

Ernest S. Clark, Connecticut.

I was very well pleased with the Harbinger you sent me. The color is new—burnt orange describes it fairly well. I think it has a great future.

Foss Heaton, Iowa.

I liked Harbinger very much and it attracted very favorable notice in the garden. I may say also that ALL THE BULBETS BLOOMED, and to my surprise the bulbs bloomed a second time late in the season. On digging, I discovered that small bulbs had formed on the stalk about 6 inches above the bulb, and that it was these bulbs on the stalk that had bloomed late in the season.

Miss D. E. Bailey, Oregon.

We were mighty well pleased with your Harbinger. It stood 45th out of our list of 325. Final rating 93. It has tremendous productiveness and blooms of good lasting quality and good substance. I consider it the very best landscape variety grown, barring none.

John R. Larus, Connecticut.

E. M. SANFORD, MADISON, NEW JERSEY

